



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday 12:15 pm

Wednesday 12:15 pm

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

7:00pm (Español)

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Español)

Extraordinary Form Latin

4:00 pm

At Pax Christi Retreat Center - 9300 Hwy
105, Brenham, TX 77833

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays, 30 minutes before Mass.
Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CLERGY

Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor
Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar
Deacon Steve Medina
Deacon Allen Prescott
Deacon John Pelletier

OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Emergencies after office hours phone
number:

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Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Que tu misericordia, Señor, venga sobre nosotros, como lo
esperamos de ti. *Psalm 33*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

October 22—October 27, 2024

Tuesday/martes—October 22, 12:15pm

In thanksgiving for Frances Konieczny
† David Januszewski (sent off)
† Ron Haren (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—October 23, 12:15pm

† Nora L. Martin
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - October 24, 12:15pm

† Bruno & Julian Bolcerek
† David Januszewski (sent off)
† Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - October 25, 5:30pm

† All Souls
† Clara Wesneski (sent off)
† Perry Kloesel (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—October 26, 5:00 pm

† Tommy Tucker
† Robert Murski (sent off)
† Janer Mills (sent off)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

All Souls

Sunday/Domingo – October 27, 8:00 am.

† Ken Moore

10:30 a.m.

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Criselida Camacena en su cumpleaños
† Hermelindo Cerda (sent off)

4:00 p.m. - Latin @ Pax Christi Retreat Center

† All Souls

COLLECTION/COLECTA

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at www.brenhamcatholic.org

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October 12-12

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00

Weekend collection\$17,895.21

Together, we make a difference. ...encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do. 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Includes Diocese of Austin CSA logo and contact info.

Juntos, hacemos la diferencia. ...ánimense mutuamente y edifíquense juntos, como ya lo están haciendo. 1 Tesalonicenses 5:11. Includes Diocese of Austin CSA logo and contact info.



Altar flowers are: In memory of Raymond Kenjura. Given by his wife Joy. Las Flores del Altar son: En memoria de Raymond Kenjura Donadas por su esposa Joy.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar



October

26 Day of the Dead Dance

November

1 All Saint's Day

2-3 Spanish CRHP Retreat

October 26, 2024
Day of the Dead Dance
November 1, 2024
All Saint's Day
November 2-3, 2024
Spanish CRHP Retreat

This week on St. Mary's campus. October 21 thru October 27, 2024

10/21 Monday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose Community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Seguidoras de Jesus Community Meeting, RE Room 103
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep Classes, RE AV Room
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

10/22 Tuesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:00 am Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
5:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, KofC Hall
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop, Cornerstone Meeting Room
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

10/23 Wednesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Little Rock Bible Study, RE AV Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
6:00pm Confirmation Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room
6:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, KofC Hall
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

10/24 Thursday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Staff Meeting, Office Choir/Meeting Room
10:00am Bella Brigata Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202

10/25 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:00pm Dia de Muertos Dance set up, PAC All Rooms

10/26 Saturday

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Mass
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Dia de Muertos Dance, PAC All Rooms
7:00pm Spanish Mass

10/27 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
9:15am Religious Education, All Campus
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



The possible presiding priest for this Sunday's masses is:

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm Fr. Everardo
	7:00pm Fr. Everardo
Sunday	8:00am Fr. Edwin
	10:30am Fr. Edwin
	12:30pm Fr. Everardo
	4:00pm Fr. Everardo

The Ambition of James and John

In the Gospel passage, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach Jesus with the ambitious request to sit at His right and left in glory. While some might view their request as a form of selfish ambition, the intention is not immediately clear. Jesus responds by probing deeper into their readiness to follow His path of suffering, asking if they can drink from His cup of suffering and undergo His baptism of trial. The disciples affirm their willingness, and Jesus acknowledges their courage but reminds them that the final decision belongs to God.

The Path to Glory: Following Jesus' Example

Jesus teaches that the path to being close to Him in glory is not one of privilege or ease but one of sacrifice and service. To be near Jesus requires walking the same difficult path He walked, embracing suffering and giving oneself entirely for others. The message here is not about denying ambition but about aligning one's ambition with the values of service, humility, and love that Jesus exemplified.

Ambition in the Christian Life

Jesus does not condemn the ambition of James and John. In fact, ambition itself is not inherently wrong; it is a natural desire to improve and excel. However, what Jesus emphasizes is the manner and motive behind ambition. Just as it is good for a student to want to excel academically, it is commendable for Christians to aspire to be close to Jesus. But such ambition must be pursued through righteous means—through service, dedication, and love for others, not through selfishness or entitlement.

The Reaction of the Other Disciples

The other disciples are indignant when they hear James and John's request. Their anger reveals a misunderstanding of true greatness in the Kingdom of God. They too are vying for positions of power, perhaps imagining that proximity to Jesus equates to authority or privilege. Jesus seizes this opportunity to clarify that true authority in His Kingdom is rooted in servanthood, not in dominance or control.

Authority as Service

Jesus contrasts the worldly view of authority with the divine perspective. In the world, authority often comes with the notion of being served, but in the Kingdom of God, authority is synonymous with service. Jesus, the ultimate authority, came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. Those who wish to lead in the Kingdom must therefore embody the spirit of service and humility, modeling their lives after Jesus' selfless example.

A Lesson in Humility

Finally, the story of the ambitious frog serves as a metaphor for the dangers of seeking importance for the



wrong reasons. Just as the mother frog's inflated sense of importance led to her destruction, so too can the pursuit of power or status lead to one's downfall if it is not grounded in love, service, and humility. Jesus calls His followers to seek greatness not through self-exaltation but through selfless service, which is the true path to spiritual fulfillment.

The story of the frog and her child teaches a valuable lesson about vanity and the dangers of excessive pride. Here's the fable:

One day, a little frog was hopping around a field and came across a large green ball that belonged to some children who were playing nearby. Amazed by the size of the ball, the young frog hurried back to the pond and excitedly told her mother, "Mom, Mom! I saw a huge toad, much bigger than you!"

The mother frog, filled with vanity and wanting to prove that she was the most important for her child, began to puff herself up. "Was it this big?" she asked, inflating herself even more. The little frog replied, "No, Mom, it was much bigger!"

Determined to outdo the supposed "giant toad," the mother frog kept taking in more and more air, inflating herself further and further. "Was it this big now?" she asked again. But the little frog kept insisting, "No, Mom, much bigger!"

In her eagerness to appear larger and more impressive, the mother frog continued to inflate until, finally, she burst!

Moral:

This fable teaches us that striving for greatness based on ego and vanity can lead to one's downfall. Instead of trying to appear larger or more important than others, it is wiser to embrace humility and accept our true size and limits.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

La Ambición de Santiago y Juan

En el pasaje del Evangelio, Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, se acercan a Jesús con la ambiciosa petición de sentarse a Su derecha e izquierda en Su gloria. Aunque algunos podrían ver su solicitud como egoísta, su intención no es completamente clara. Jesús responde profundizando en su disposición a seguir Su camino de sufrimiento, preguntándoles si pueden beber de Su cáliz de sufrimiento y recibir Su bautismo de prueba. Los discípulos afirman estar dispuestos, y Jesús reconoce su valentía, pero les recuerda que la decisión final pertenece a Dios.

El Camino a la Gloria: Seguir el Ejemplo de Jesús

Jesús enseña que estar cerca de Él en la gloria no es cuestión de privilegio, sino de sacrificio y servicio. Para estar cerca de Jesús, es necesario recorrer el mismo camino de entrega total y sufrimiento que Él recorrió. El mensaje no rechaza la ambición, sino que la alinea con los valores de servicio, humildad y amor que Jesús encarnó.

Ambición en la Vida Cristiana

Jesús no condena la ambición de Santiago y Juan. De hecho, la ambición no es inherentemente mala; es un deseo natural de mejorar y superarse. No obstante, Jesús enfatiza que la forma en que se persigue esa ambición es lo crucial. Así como es bueno que un estudiante desee sobresalir, también es loable que los cristianos aspiren a estar cerca de Jesús. Pero esa ambición debe perseguirse con justicia, servicio y dedicación, no a través del egoísmo o el deseo de poder.

La Reacción de los Otros Discípulos

Los otros discípulos se indignan al escuchar la petición de Santiago y Juan. Su ira revela una comprensión errónea de lo que significa la verdadera grandeza en el Reino de Dios. Ellos también parecen competir por posiciones de poder, imaginando que estar cerca de Jesús conlleva autoridad o privilegio. Jesús aprovecha esta oportunidad para aclarar que la verdadera autoridad en Su Reino se basa en el servicio, no en el dominio o el control.

La Autoridad como Servicio

Jesús contrasta la visión mundana de la autoridad con la perspectiva divina. En el mundo, la autoridad a menudo está asociada con ser servido, pero en el Reino de Dios, la autoridad es sinónimo de servicio. Jesús, la máxima autoridad, no vino a ser servido, sino a servir y dar Su vida como rescate por muchos. Aquellos que desean liderar en el Reino deben encarnar el espíritu de servicio y humildad, modelando sus vidas según el ejemplo desinteresado de Jesús.

Una Lección de Humildad

Por último, la historia de la rana ambiciosa sirve como metáfora de los peligros de buscar la importancia por las razones equivocadas. Así como el ego inflado de la rana



madre la llevó a su destrucción, buscar el poder o el estatus sin fundamento en el amor, el servicio y la humildad puede llevar a la ruina. Jesús nos llama a buscar la grandeza no a través de la autoexaltación, sino mediante el servicio desinteresado, que es el verdadero camino hacia la plenitud espiritual.

La historia de la rana y su hijo es una metáfora que nos habla sobre los peligros de la vanidad y el orgullo desmedido. Esta breve fábula dice así:

Un día, una pequeña rana saltaba alegremente por el campo y se encontró con una gran pelota verde que pertenecía a unos niños que jugaban cerca. Impresionada por el tamaño de la pelota, la ranita regresó corriendo al estanque y le dijo emocionada a su madre: "¡Mamá, mamá! ¡He visto un sapo grandote, mucho más grande que tú!".

La mamá rana, llena de ego y deseando demostrar que era la más importante para su hijo, comenzó a inflarse. "¿Así de grande?" preguntó, inflándose más y más. La ranita le respondió: "No, mamá, ¡mucho más grande!".

La madre rana, tratando de impresionar a su hijo, tomó más y más aire, inflándose hasta el límite. "¿Así de grande?", volvió a preguntar, aún más inflada. Pero la pequeña rana seguía diciendo: "No, mamá, mucho más grande". La madre, determinada a superar al supuesto "sapo gigante", continuó inflándose hasta que finalmente... ¡se reventó!

Moraleja:

La fábula nos enseña que la búsqueda de grandeza basada en el ego y la vanidad puede llevar a la autodestrucción. En lugar de tratar de parecer más grandes o importantes ante los demás, es mejor ser humildes y aceptar nuestras limitaciones.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Solidarity



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on **Solidarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."¹ We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The person is social in nature; we develop and flourish within a community. As baptized members of the community of the Church, we are part of one body in Christ and we are also part of one global human family.²

In *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)* Pope Francis places solidarity at the center of what it means to cultivate social friendship as one family:

Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.³

Thus, solidarity affects not only the goals we pursue in public life, but also the way we pursue them—ever mindful that we are all brothers and sisters, all children of God.

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In imitation of the Good Samaritan, we seek to be neighbor to all.⁴ We are called to practice “radical solidarity” by accompanying pregnant women to choose life and by offering support to new mothers and their children.⁵ As neighbors to all, we also advocate for families affected by poverty, unemployment, or illness, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, the elderly and those with disabilities, and all whose livelihoods and homes are endangered by climate change.⁶

In countries ravaged by war, such as Ukraine, West Africa, and the Middle East, we must “touch the wounded flesh of the victims” and support efforts for relief and peace,⁷ while also working collaboratively to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.⁸



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We seek policies that “welcome, protect, promote, and integrate” migrants and refugees who arrive at our borders, and which aid development in countries of origin.⁹

Racism is an obstacle to solidarity, and we strive to root it out not only by examining our hearts individually, but also by looking critically at our policies and institutions.¹⁰

In a culture that overemphasizes the accumulation of wealth, we must not forget our “obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.”¹¹

As we seek to foster solidarity in hearts and policies, let us pray with Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

*Lord, Father of our human family . . . Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen.*¹²

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193, quoting St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (On Social Concerns), no. 38. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27.)

2 Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), no. 25b. See also: USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 52-54.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), no. 116, quoting *Address to Participants in the Meeting of Popular Movements* (October 28, 2014).

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 80.

5 USCCB Chairmen, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’* (On Care for Our Common Home), nos. 25, 48-49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, no. 31.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 261.

8 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 262. See also: St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, nos. 23-24.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 129 and 132. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 62.

10 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism*, 2018. See also: *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 20, 41, and 97.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 118.

12 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 287.

BAILE DEL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

MUERTOS

Y SU RESIA DE TEJUPILCO

Sábado 26 de Octubre 2024

Lugar PAC de St. Mary
101 Dallas St, Brenham, TX
Tel. (979) 836-4441
Preventa \$20.00
En Puerta \$25.00
De 7:00pm a media noche
Habrá venta de comida y bebidas

Habrá concurso de Catrinas

JH Youth
This Sunday!

Oct. 20th

6-8 PM

Meet in the PAC. Dinner is provided. Bring a friend! (6th-8th grade only)



St. Mary's Prayer Line

If you or a loved one needs prayers, call, text, or email:

Shirley Rowan at 979-421-3332 or Shirley.rowan@att.net

If you would like to become a Prayer Warrior please contact Shirley Rowan.

Linea de Oración de St. Mary's

Si usted o un ser querido necesita oraciones, llame, mande un mensaje de texto o correo electrónico:

Shirley Rowan al 979-421-3332 ó Shirley.rowan@att.net

Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración Por favor contacte a Shirley Rowan.

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

With All Souls Day arriving soon, what better way to remember your deceased loved ones, than a spiritual bouquet of prayers for them... and you too. Clerical Endowment Fund cards offer a spiritual bouquet of Masses and daily prayers by the Bishop and seminarians for the enrolled as well as the benefactor. Funds raised from the sale of the cards are loaned to Parishes and the interest is given to the Bishop to aid in the education of seminarians.

The ladies of the PCCW will be available the weekend of October 26-27 to take enrollments as you leave Mass.



RECORDANDO A NUESTROS SERES QUERIDOS

Con la proximidad del Día de todos los fieles difuntos, que mejor manera de recordar nuestros seres queridos, que un ramillete de oraciones para ellos...y para ustedes también. Las tarjetas del Fondo de Beneficencia Clerical, ofrecen un ramillete espiritual de Misas y oraciones diarias del Obispo y los seminaristas, tanto para quien hace el registro, como para el benefactor. Los fondos recaudados de la venta de las tarjetas se prestan a las parroquias y el interés se da al obispo para ayudar en la educación de los seminaristas.

Las señoras del PCCW van a estar aceptando donativos para inscribir a sus seres queridos en el Fondo de Donaciones Clericales (CEF) después de todas las Misas el fin de semana de Octubre 26-27 después de todas las Misas.





You can't have a Catholic men's program without talking about the Eucharist! The Catechism describes the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life...For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself..." This week we take the next step in our journey into deeper spiritual freedom. In order to live out these aspirations and holy desires we have to be fed and sustained by Christ himself, "the source." The Eucharist is the first of three spiritual foods we will feed upon.

Fr. Dave Pivonka is back this week! Invite a friend! See you Saturday at 7:00 in the PAC!

Contact Yaseen Owen at 832-686-5984 for more information.



Adult Formation. *"We are each to become holy, to become saints. But we cannot do this by ourselves. We need the Church."* (Dr. Scott Hahn)

Join Bella Brigata... beautiful brigade of women, inspired by St. Catherine of Siena (Scripture, Inspiration, & Support...S.I.S.)

Holy is His Name (dvd, discussion, & prayer intentions. No cost)

Thursdays, 10-11:45am, small Meeting Room PAC, thru Nov. 21 (Lunch after noon Mass)

~ **Creating Community at St. Mary's** ~

(questions: call or text 713.501.0663 Kathy)

St. Teresa of Calcutta Society

helps those in need.

For assistance phone **979-525-0090**.

Calls remain confidential.

La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcuta ayuda a esos en necesidad.

Para recibir ayuda llame al **979-525-0090**. Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

"No siempre podemos hacer grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor." - Santa Teresa de Calcutta



Together, we make a difference.
Juntos, hacemos la diferencia.

Next weekend is the Catholic Services Appeal, during which you can support the more than 100 ministries and programs of the Diocese of Austin. This year's theme is **Together, we make a difference**. Your gift is a powerful testament to what can be accomplished when we work together to make a difference. As Scripture reminds us, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24) Your gift to the CSA is combined with others to have a greater impact than any single gift could. Please prayerfully consider making a gift so you can be a miracle to those in most need.

To learn more and make your gift today, visit austindiocese.org/csa/give.

El próximo fin de semana es el Llamado Para Los Servicios Católicos, durante el cual pueden apoyar a más de 100 ministerios y programas de la Diócesis de Austin. El tema de este año es **Juntos, hacemos la diferencia**. Su donación es un testimonio poderoso de lo que se puede lograr cuando trabajamos juntos para hacer una diferencia. Como nos recuerda la Escritura: "Y considerémonos unos a otros estimularnos al amor y a las buenas obras". (Hebreos 10:24) Su donativo al CSA se combina con otros para tener un mayor impacto que el de cualquier donación individual. Por favor, consideren en oración hacer una donación para que puedan ser un milagro para aquellos más necesitados. Para saber más y hacer su donativo hoy, visiten austindiocese.org/csa/give.





DEACON'S CORNER

My strongest passion as a Deacon is deeply rooted from the Gospel of Matthew. Chapter 25: 34-37. ***“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”***



I enjoy visiting people in the hospital, the homebound and the various living facilities here in Washington County. And it is here that I mostly hear the loneliness, sadness and the hurting. ***I was sick and you looked after me.*** I know that most of the people that I visit in the hospital will be going home. The people living in the various living facilities do have contact with the caretakers at the facility they are living in. And I know that many of the residents do have family visiting them. We have 18 Eucharistic ministers taking Communion to the homebound, nursing homes and the Re-hab Center. Although, we do not know all of the Catholics who are living in these facilities. And so, this is a hint for you if you know someone who has moved into one of our living facilities to let us know so that we can visit with them. It is the homebound to whom I find to be most lonely, to be trapped in their home day after day. It is like being trapped in a prison. ***“I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*** I know that there are people you know who are homebound. Someone who is very lonely. Someone who has not been able to receive Eucharist for a long time. All it takes is a phone call to the church office (979-836-4441) to give us their information. Also, nothing is stopping you from visiting someone who is homebound.

A challenge from Deacon Al

dcnal@brenhamcatholic.org

RINCON DEL DIACONO

*Mi pasión más fuerte como diácono está profundamente arraigada en el Evangelio de Mateo, capítulo 25: 34-37. **“Porque tuve hambre, y me disteis de comer; tuve sed, y me disteis de beber; fui forastero, y me recogisteis; estuve desnudo, y me vestisteis; enfermo, y me visitasteis; en la cárcel, y vinisteis a visitarme”.***

*Disfruto visitar a la gente en el hospital, a los confinados en sus hogares y en los distintos asilos aquí en el condado de Washington. Y es aquí donde más escucho la soledad, la tristeza y el dolor. **Estuve enfermo, y me cuidasteis.** Sé que la mayoría de las personas que visito en el hospital se irán a casa. Las personas que viven en los distintos asilos tienen contacto con los cuidadores de las instalaciones en las que viven. Y sé que muchos de los residentes tienen familiares que los visitan. Tenemos 18 ministros eucarísticos que llevan la comunión a los confinados en sus hogares, a los hogares de ancianos y al centro de rehabilitación. Aunque no conocemos a todos los católicos que viven en estas instalaciones, este es un consejo para que, si conoces a alguien que se haya mudado a una de nuestras instalaciones, nos lo hagas saber para que podamos visitarlo. Las personas confinadas en sus hogares son las que encuentro más solas, atrapadas en su hogar día tras día. Es como estar atrapado en una prisión. **“Estuve en prisión y viniste a visitarme”.** Sé que hay personas que conoces que están confinadas en sus hogares. Alguien que se siente muy solo. Alguien que no ha podido recibir la Eucaristía durante mucho tiempo. Todo lo que se necesita es una llamada telefónica a la oficina de la iglesia (979-836-4441) para darnos su información. Además, nada te impide visitar a alguien que está confinado en su hogar.*



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